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WORK ON MANIGUA GROVES

ROUNDING OUT PLANTING SEASON WITH 4,800 NATIVE GROWN TREES.

Planted Sections Receiving Careful Attention.

The work on the big 500 acre orange and grape fruit groves today consists in the careful cultivation and pruning of the sections of the Groves already set out, while at the same time the work of setting trees is being carried on in the newly-ploughed portions of the tract.

Under date of March 3d, General Manager Tolksdorff reports on the progress of the work, opening his letter with a detailed statement as to the Grove tracts on which the last of the 13,288 trees imported from the Buckeye Nurseries, at Tampa, Fla., were being set. He writes as follows:

"The following trees have been planted since my last report:

Grove 7, 6 Rows Pineapple Orange.
" 8, 6 Rows Pineapple Orange.
" 17, 7½ Rows Marsh Seedless Grape Fruit.
" 17, 7 Rows Parson Brown Orange.
" 17, 6 Rows Pineapple Orange.
" 66, 7 Rows Pineapple Orange.
" 66, 6 Rows Parson Brown Orange.
" 67, 6 Rows Parson Brown Orange.
" 76, 7 Rows Pineapple Orange.
" 87, 7 Rows Pineapple Orange.
" 96, 7 Rows Pineapple Orange.
" 96, 6 Rows Parson Brown Orange.

At the time of this report, there were still 2200 of the Florida trees to be set out, but Mr. Tolksdorff reported that they expected to commence planting the native-grown trees by March 11th, and has since reported that 780 of these trees have been received and planted with the remainder of the Florida order.

The following planted or partially planted groves, he reports as having been pruned and given special attention: Nos. 35, 18, 28, 38, 48, 58, 68, 78, 88, 89, 99, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90 and 100—in all, 290 acres.

In addition, hand cultivation, including hoeing and raking, has been employed on the newly-planted trees, on Groves Nos. 46, 56, 66 and 76.

General Manager Tolksdorff reports all the trees to be making a fine growth, and speaks enthusiastically of the way in which they respond to care and cultivation. Many of the trees planted 13 months ago, are already in blossom.

It is a matter of pride with the Company to announce that the planting of the 4800 native-grown trees (780 of which have already been set out) will complete the planting of 18,000 trees on the 200 acres promised at the beginning of the winter of 1906-7.

This will bring the total planted section of the groves to 300 acres and the attention of the Isle of Pines working force will then be directed to completing the clearing of the 500 acre Manigua Groves Tract, yet requiring attention and preparing for the planting of the remainder of the Groves next winter. It will be remembered that the total number of trees to be set in the whole 500 acres amounts to 45,000. The setting of 300 acres to 27,000 trees is therefore the completion of 3-5 of the entire tract, leaving but 18,000 trees to be set on 200 acres for the next winter's planting.

CAPTAIN J. M. DRAKE OF CLEVELAND and his daughter, Miss Minnie A. R. Drake, beside one of the orange trees in a bearing grove in the Isle of Pines.

Departures For McKinley.

Director Albert B. Young and Mrs. Young left for McKinley in March and are now guests at the "Orchid-in-the-Pines."

Mr. Young writes that the colony has improved wonderfully since his last visit and dwells especially on the cordial good fellowship and spirit of co-operation manifest on every hand.

Messrs. M. M. and D. M. De Wolf of Erie, Pa., who recently purchased Tracts 310 and 321, East McKinley, left for the Isle of Pines in March with their families. The Messrs. De Wolf are practical farmers and will immediately commence improving their property there.

Mr. Roy Waha of Erie, Pa., left for McKinley on a visit early in April. Mr. Waha's father is the holder of Tract 219, McKinley.

Mr. John G. Saxe of Cleveland, until recently connected with the Standard Register Co., leaves here with Mrs. Saxe for McKinley on April 5th. Mr. Fred Garrett and his wife will accompany Mr. Saxe and will assist him in developing tract 114, East McKinley. Mr. Saxe is intensely practical and will make a very valuable addition to our colony. Mrs. Saxe also is the right sort and will set a pace for the ladies of the "North End."

Dr. Myron G. Furlong, 449 The Arcade, Cleveland, is completing arrangements to have his household furniture packed and crated for shipment to the Island. The doctor returned from a visit to McKinley in January and ever since he has been working like a Trojan to get his affairs in shape so that he could go back to the Isle and begin the development of his two tracts. Mrs. Furlong is also very anxious to see their new home. Dr. and Mrs. Furlong will both be missed by a host of friends in and for a hundred miles around Cleveland. They will probably leave New York about the middle of this month.

Mr. F. J. Wilmshurst of Cleveland, until recently connected with the Phillip-Carey Mfg. Co., leaves for the Isle of Pines April 5th to look after the development of his tract, No. 192, and that of his sister-in-law, Miss S. Alexander (181). Mr. Wilmshurst's wide experience as a truck gardener will prove of great value to him in his new undertaking, while his natural ability and versatility should insure his success in any enterprise with which he may become connected.

We are gratified to know that a large percentage of the scores of Cleveland people who are purchasing land in the McKinley Colonies are asking for estimates on the cost of clearing several acres of their tracts with the object in view of having it in readiness for them upon their arrival in McKinley next fall.

ROAD-MAKING AT McKINLEY.—There is always something being done in the way of road work in the Colonies.

THE MAKERS OF McKINLEY.

INTERESTING STATISTICS OF THE WORK ON VARIOUS TRACTS.

Hundreds of Acres in Orange Groves.

Between fifty and sixty properties in McKinley are being improved by the purchasers, and about eight in East McKinley. Beginning at the northern end of the McKinley colony we first come upon Tract No. 14 owned by Mr. Mauer. He has seven acres of orange and grapefruit trees planted and the entire seven acres fenced. About 650 trees in all.

Mr. McQueen, who came only recently, has five acres of Tract 39 cleared.

Frank Sherwood has ten acres of Tract 47, and Frank N. Sherwood, his father, has two acres of 54 cleared. They also have erected a neat little house on Tract 47.

Mr. Frank Heller has two acres cleared on No. 66, and has erected a very comfortable house. At a short distance from his house he has a garden of about half an acre ploughed and under cultivation. It contains peppers, tomatoes, egg-plant, potatoes and several banana plants.

Mr. G. H. Garden has ten acres planted. His trees are 24½ feet apart, making 700 trees in the ten acres. This is on the south five acres of 82 and north five of 70.

Ralph Cleland, who owns the south five acres of 69, has his land cleared and the trees planted, making 350 trees on the five acres.

Guy Webster has cleared his entire tract, No. 73.

W. H. Brown, who owns the west five acres of Tract No. 78, has cleared it and planted orange and grapefruit trees, 24½ feet apart, making 350 trees. He has erected a house on his tract and is most comfortably situated.

The east five acres of Tract 78 is owned by W. J. Cleland. His comfortable two-story cottage is erected on the southwest corner of his land, and on the southeast corner is his blacksmith shop. His tract has been cleared and is planted to 280 citrus trees, which is about four acres planted, his house and blacksmith shop occupying the other acre. The garden situated near the house contains pineapples, melons, onions, cabbage and tomatoes. Mr. Cleland has two pair of mules and a complete equipment of farms tools consisting of ploughs, cultivators, harrows, wagons, etc. The first of Mr. Cleland's trees were set out in April, 1906, and show an excellent growth, many of the trees being over five feet high. The well on the property gives an abundant supply of water for the house.

Tract No. 83 is owned by Mr. F. C. Payne. It is completely cleared and planted to citrus trees, nine acres being taken up by an excellent-looking grove and one acre for a nursery and the house. His trees show the finest of care and a surprising growth. It is one of the finest groves in the McKinley colony. His roomy house stands about fifty feet from the road on the southeast corner of his tract. The well directly behind the house is his source of water supply. He owns a fine pair of mules, a plough, cultivator, wagon, etc. He has lately added a cow and calf to his live stock. This entire tract is fenced. Mr. Payne's grove shows that he thoroughly understands the work of planting and caring for trees,

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DEVELOPMENT BY BOND-HOLDERS.

Elsewhere we publish a carefully prepared list of the improvements already accomplished by individual Bondholders on their private properties in McKinley and East McKinley.

The list schedules the number of acres cleared, number planted to citrus (orange, lemon or grape fruit) trees, number of acres planted in gardens, and finally the number of houses erected. It will repay careful reading. Taken in connection with the extensive development of the Company in the clearing and planting of the Manigua Groves Tract, it gives McKinley a total development which no other Cuban or Isle of Pines Colony can boast in a similar period, and assures the speedy approach of the time when the whole property of McKinley and East McKinley will be one spreading orchard of orange groves and vegetable gardens, dotted with cosy homes.

Because McKinley is thirteen hundred miles *south* instead of north or west of New York, many thoughtless people are apt to consider it "too far away." Because our climate is free from the extremes of heat and cold, the blasting heat of the northern July or the withering cold of a northern January, these same folks (who have, of course, never enjoyed the even, mild climate of the semi-tropics) are apt to inquire "whether an American can stand the climate of the Isle of Pines." And finally, because our investors and colonists have had the foresight and energy to plant oranges and grape fruit or winter vegetables in the one climate, near enough to American markets to afford us easy shipments, these same wiseacres are apt to shake their heads dubiously "over such a risky undertaking."

To those who have been influenced by such arguments, this carefully prepared list of American farms, American orange groves and American homes that today make up the McKinley Colony, is convincing proof.

FIRST: That in the two brief years of our corporate existence we have cleared and put under cultivation nearly 1000 acres or 1-5 of the total area of the McKinley Colony.

SECOND (and most important): That nearly 1-2 of this work has been the work of INDIVIDUAL settlers, who came and were so convinced of the future of the project, that they unhesitatingly cast in their lot with us.

THIRD: That from the trees now actually planted at McKinley (including those being set in the Manigua Groves) 36,750 in all, a permanent and increasing output of citrus fruit, averaging over 120,000 boxes a year at an approximate value to the growers of $120,000 or (on the basis of this year's returns) $240,000 a year *for all time.*

FOURTH and lastly: That these figures do not represent more than a small fraction of what is definitely assured in the next few years. Remember ONLY 67 of the properties at McKinley have been even partially developed. **Literally, hundreds of our investors are even now planning the development of thousands of acres. Our first two years are naturally our hardest two years, and from now on we feel assured of an advance in values, far exceeding our greatest expectations.**

Photo by Manager Tolksdorff

ORANGE TREE, ONE YEAR OLD.—This is one of the future dividend payers on our 500-acre Orange and Grapefruit Groves. Mr. Harlow Palmer on left, Mr. Black on right.

Summarizing the figures of clearing, etc., given, it will be seen that the development in the McKinley Colonies is as follows:

Cleared by Bondholders....	440 acres
Planted to citrus trees (Bondholders' tracts) ...	133 acres
Number of citrus trees planted	9750
Number of acres planted in garden vegetables and tobacco	22.5 acres
Number of houses built.....	32

To this must be added the work in the Manigua Groves, already accomplished by the Company. With the setting out of the trees already purchased for this Spring's planting, this amount will be 27,000 trees, covering 300 acres.

Thus the total number of citrus trees planted in McKinley reaches 36,750, covering 433 acres. The Company also owns the Grove House or headquarters and two cottages, not included in previous figures.

The industries so far include the plant of the Lumber Mill, managed by Mr. Jacob Werner, and the General Store, conducted by Mr. Chas. Fetter.

Wm. McKinley Scholey.

On Jan. 29, 1907, the Stork brought a little visitor to the home of our good friend and fellow-bondholder, Mr. Chas. T. Scholey of 93 Grant street, Buffalo, N. Y. It was promptly decided to name the little one Wm. McKinley Scholey for his birth on McKinley day, and the fact that his father is the owner of the northern five acres of Tract 153 seemed too remarkable a coincidence to be overlooked. The HERALD extends its congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Scholey and wishes Wm. McKinley a long and prosperous life.

McKINLEY ITEMS.

A library at McKinley is one of the leading topics of the day.

Roads are being built at McKinley and the work of planting on the large Grove is steadily going forward.

Rev. Dr. Steele was again greeted by a large audience Thursday night at the Grove House.

Mr. and Mrs. Reidpath of Buffalo, accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Gilmore, are among recent arrivals at McKinley. They were guests at "The Orchid in the Pines," and were much pleased with our little island.

Center Cottage has been fitted up and made an annex to the Grove House, there having been more guests than could be accommodated at Hotel Dunning.

Houses as well as fruit trees are springing up at McKinley.

Mrs. M. Cowles of Boston, Mass., is registered at "The Orchid in the Pines."

Mr. J. P. Hess of Fond du Lac, Wis., paid us a visit last week, and expressed his surprise in the wonderful development which has taken place since his last visit to the Island some two years ago.

Mr. Willard C. Sanders of Cleveland, Ohio, spent a few days at McKinley, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Dunning. He has purchased ten acres at East McKinley, on Paso Real Road.

W. E. Chandler of Superior, Wis., is seeking a choice tract and will make a purchase before returning to the States.

Mr. George Otis of Buffalo, guest at "The Orchid in the Pines," is having his tract cleared and will build a cement-block house. Mr. Otis has made the very generous offer of a building for the library at McKinley.

Mr. Frank A. Shoemaker of Buffalo was a recent guest at "The Orchid in the Pines." He, with Mr. Otis, investigated the dredging of Nuevas River, preparatory to building a dock.

Messrs. Ira E. Briggs and G. P. Schluraff of Erie, Pa., stopped at Hotel Dunning while visiting at McKinley.

Mr. F. Mount has his house nearly complete and will occupy it soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dickey of Spencer, Iowa, registered at "The Orchid in the Pines" last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Adams of Ogden, Utah, have been visiting various places on the Island and expressed themselves as much pleased with McKinley. They expect to return next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Dunn of Lorain, Ohio, arrived last week. Mr. Dunn will put up a nice residence and expects to begin work on same next week.

Mrs. Tolman and sister, Miss Genevieve Clay, of Doylestown, Pa., are located at Center Cottage. They expect to remain about six weeks and will make a purchase before leaving. They will build and have a permanent home here.

Col. and Mrs. O. J. Hodge of Cleveland are spending a few days at McKinley, and are guests at Hotel Dunning.

The Carnation Club will meet with Mrs. Booth next Tuesday. Mrs. Aiken will read.

Mr. O. E. Dunn of Superior, Wis., is stopping at Hotel Dunning. He will make a purchase in East McKinley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baker of New York City paid us a visit last week. Mrs. Baker was a great admirer of the garden and orange grove in front of the "Grove House," and expressed a regret that she had not visited McKinley earlier.

Dr. S. W. Mellott, Mr. A. M. Jackson and Mr. H. C. Ashton of Washington, D. C., are registered at "The Orchid in the Pines."

Maj.-Gen. Bates of Washington, accompanied by Mr. Martin of London, England, and Lieut. Tittoni, paid us a visit last week. Maj.-Gen. Bates was on a tour of inspection and believes the Isle of Pines has a great future.

A very pleasant evening was passed at Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Knight's last Friday by a few of their friends, it being the anniversary of a birthday of Mr. Knight.

Mr. Towler of Cleveland, Ohio, another enthusiast at McKinley, enjoyed an outing at the port the other day, returning with a generous supply of crabs and fish.

Mr. Arthur McSloy is spending a few weeks at McKinley in the interest of his father, looking after the clearing of his tract at East McKinley.

The Pioneer Club met with Mrs. Bostwick last Wednesday and the Carnation Club was invited as guests. A very enjoyable lunch was served and pleasant time passed. The Bostwick home is very attractive, with its generous supply of fine books and reading matter, and the American flag hoisted high to view, which waved us a welcome.

Mr. Williard C. Sanders of Cleveland, O., who purchased Tract 305, East McKinley, and then visited the Isle of Pines, has just returned, a firm believer in the future of McKinley.

Mr. Sanders has demonstrated his faith in a practical way by purchasing Tract 317, East McKinley since his return, and he is now the proud possessor of twenty acres of as fertile land as the Isle of Pines contains.

A progressive euchre party was given by Mrs. Frederick A. Fernald on the afternoon of Feb. 28th in aid of the McKinley Library. Although it was the grip season in Buffalo, the attendance enabled her to realize about five dollars for the library. The first prize, which was two tickets for the Star Theatre, was won by Mrs. Mackey of Lancaster, and the second prize, an azalia in full bloom, was won by Mrs. E. A. Springsted of Buffalo. A copy of McKinley in the Making was given to each player as a souvenir. In addition to the cash receipts, two books were given by Mrs. Albert E. Jones of Buffalo.

Mr. W. J. Cleland, who has the village smithy at McKinley, "under a spreading (cocoa)-nut tree," has completed his roomy house and is prepared to supply first-class board to visitors at McKinley. He has mules, wagons, etc., and so is in a position to take people about and to do teaming and plowing for owners of land. We feel sure that any guests who go to "Riverside House" will be well taken care of by the Cleland family. His garden and orange grove are doing well and he has a tree about three feet high, planted a year ago last October, with five grape-fruit on it.

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as do many other groves he has set out in this colony.

Perry Rockwood is the owner of Tract No. 85. It is entirely cleared and a house of five rooms erected upon it. Around the fence are planted cocoanut trees. His garden near the house contains tomatoes, bananas and a few citrus trees.

Mr. F. A. Fernald has cleared five acres of Tract 95, and has had one acre ploughed and fenced for a garden.

Mr. A. T. Baxter has five acres of Tract 101 cleared.

The Rev. George W. West, owner of Tract 122, has his three acres cleared, ploughed and set to citrus trees—210 trees being planted. The tract is fenced and a pretty little bungalow is built upon a knoll overlooking the Nuevas River.

Mr. W. F. Stetson has two acres in Tract 111 planted to citrus trees and is preparing to have his other three acres done in the near future.

William Warner has the north three acres of Tract 138 cleared.

J. Laubocker has cleared the west three acres of Tract 139.

Mr. A. Manning during his stay in McKinley this past winter cleared the south five acres of Tract 150 and had the same ploughed up and harrowed.

Mr. Adam Regel cleared the south five acres of Tract 151 and is continuing with it. The heaviest part is already done and he hopes to have the entire ten acres finished soon.

Mr. W. Z. Dunn has cleared two and one-half acres of Tract 153. Mr. Dunn's house is a very cozy one, situated upon a knoll about twenty feet from the road, and overlooking the valley of the river. His garden of about half an acre is near his house and contains potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, beets, and in fact almost everything needed to supply his house.

Oscar Seelbach has cleared the north five acres of Tract 168 and had about three acres ploughed.

Harold Hubbard has completed the clearing of his father's ten acres, Tract 176, and has planted about 1,200 citrus trees in a nursery of sour stock, not budded.

Mr. T. N. Slocum has about ten acres now cleared and five acres planted to citrus trees, 300 trees being the total number (Tract 178).

Messrs. Miesse and McMullen, owners of tracts 164 and 179, have five acres planted to citrus trees. Mr. McMullen, who is managing the grove, lives in a cottage in the southwest corner of Tract 179. He has a number of chickens and a couple of hives of bees. His garden near the house contains pineapples, turnips, squash, melons, peppers and tomatoes. Mr. McMullen has fenced lot No. 179. He has just completed a well near the house.

Messrs. Parsons and Hopkins, owners of tracts 169, 179, 182, 183, 184, 185, 296 and 165, have twenty acres cleared and eleven ploughed, preparatory to planting citrus trees. The large, airy bungalow stands on Tract 184, about fifty feet from the road. The floor is of cement, as is the veranda which surrounds the house. The barn stands on Tract 185. It contains three rooms and three stalls. The live stock consists of a large pair of mules, two ponies, chickens, and several pigs. A complete assortment of farm implements is a part of the equipment. A comfortable cottage for the help stands about half way between the house and the barn. There are two gardens. one on Tract 170, and the other behind the house, containing potatoes, watermelon, muskmelon, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, egg-plant, cabbage, squash, turnips, radishes, sweet potatoes, and bananas. The house is surrounded by small trees and shrubs of many varieties from all parts of the globe, which Mrs. Parsons has under her special care. A well supplies the house with abundant water.

Messrs. George Charles and Albert B. Young who are the owners of Tracts 75, 173, 187, 188, 190, 191, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 223, 224, 226, 241 and parts

Photo by Manager Tolksdorff

McKINLEY PEOPLE ON A PICNIC.—From the left, Mr. E. C. Knight, Jr., Mr. Leo Hopkins, Capt. J. M. Drake, Miss Drake, Unrecognized, Mrs. Manning, Former Mayor Knight, Mr. Manning, Mr. Otis, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Shoemaker.

of Tracts 204 and 249, have 41 acres planted to citrus trees, which is the largest private grove on the McKinley tract. The house stands on Tract 208, a short distance from the road. A spacious veranda surrounds the entire house. Many varieties of plants and shrubs are growing about the house, and the view looking out over the grove from the veranda is beautiful. The barn stands at a little distance from the house. The Messrs. Young own a pair of mules, a horse and colt. They have a complete outfit of farm implements. The water supply is from a well by the house. The citrus trees have been set about one year and some are already in blossom and show a remarkable growth for the time planted. There are about 3,500 trees set out. A large tobacco patch of about ten acres is growing well, and the crop will be a good one.

Messrs. Slocum and Whitwell owners of Tract 144, have cleared the northern 7½ acres and set out 600 citrus trees. The trees were planted in February, 1906, and are showing a fine growth.

Harlow C. Palmer owns Tract 198, has three acres cleared and planted to potatoes, which is an excellent crop in this country. The potatoes are looking well and should show handsome returns.

Mr. George Voss has had the entire ten acres of Tract 200 cleared, and when he returns to the island will have it ploughed and set to citrus trees.

Mr. W. J. Payne has five acres of Tract 221 cleared and planted to citrus trees, and has just contracted with his cousin, F. C. Payne, to clear and plant twelve acres more, also to fence the entire tract. The trees already planted are looking well.

Grant H. Thompson has the north five acres of Tract 228 cleared and planted to citrus trees, about 350 trees being placed on the lot. Mr. Thompson lives in a little cottage on his tract, keeping bachelor's hall. His tract is fenced.

A. W. Chaddock had half an acre cleared on Tract 229 and a small house erected upon it.

The Rev. V. Crusius has had the Company clear three acres of his tract, No. 231.

Mr. W. Engel has busied himself during the winter clearing six acres of Tract 233—four acres of his own and two for Mr. Weiand.

Tract 263 is owned by Mr. R. W. Dunning. He has about two acres cleared. The hotel which is kept by Mr. Dunning stands about fifty feet from the road and is well located in a small pine grove. The floor of the hotel is cement and also the veranda which surrounds it. The well is fitted with a force pump, which supplies the tank from which the water runs to the house and the bath. About twenty orange, grape-fruit, and other trees have been planted, each of a different variety, and all of advanced age. The house is fitted with an acetylene gas plant, which gives excellent light throughout the entire hotel.

Mr. George A. Otis owns tracts 271, 272, 286 and 287. Mr. Otis has three acres of Tract 271 cleared, leaving only a beautiful cluster of royal palms, among which he is intending to build his house of concrete block. He also has about two acres of Tract 286 cleared and a small house erected upon the tract.

Mr. George O. Widner has about five acres cleared upon Tract 293, and is progressing rapidly with the rest.

Dr. J. M. Harris has five acres of Tract 298 cleared and set to citrus trees. The trees were planted just before the winter season and all show a fine growth during the time. Three hundred and fifty trees have been placed on the five acres. The tract is entirely fenced.

Mr. J. F. Kennedy has nearly ten acres cleared on his tract, No. 309, and planted about fifty trees.

Mr. C. C. White has three acres cleared of Tract 312.

Mr. W. N. Holland has cleared three acres of Tract 313.

Mr. E. A. Vogt, owner of Tract 323, has the whole ten acres cleared.

Mr. William Nixon has two acres cleared on Tract 329. He has a fine garden and has raised the finest lot of potatoes on the McKinley tract.

Mrs. C. M. Thomas has three acres of Tract 330 cleared and a fine house built upon a high knoll in the central part of the tract.

Mr. J. Aikens has his four acres on Tract 338 cleared and a cottage erected upon it. He has a little house garden with tomatoes, potatoes and bananas.

Mr. O. Booth has four acres of Tract 338 cleared and a house on the tract. He also has a garden for house vegetables, containing tomatoes, bananas, potatoes and cucumbers.

Mr. W. H. Ford has three acres chopped down and a small garden of bananas planted on Tract 339.

Mr. E. C. Bailey has four acres cleared on Tract 339.

Mr. B. A. Butler, owner of the south four acres of Tract 352, has the entire piece cleared. Mr. Butler is a fine carpenter and has erected a very comfortable house for himself and wife. He has a large hennery near the house and also a garden in which he raises potatoes, tomatoes, corn, cabbage, peppers, bananas and pineapples. In the patch near the house are planted fifty orange trees.

Mr. Adam Gaiser, who owns Tract 369, has eight acres cleared and a house erected near the southwest corner of the lot.

Mrs. N. E. Waters has a house erected on Tract 370, and on Tract 371 has a grove of five acres, about 350 trees being planted. The trees are doing very well under the care of J. Spiwok. A well supplies the house with water.

Mr. H. C. Rever has cleared about half an acre on Tract 386 for a garden. He has bananas and pineapples growing. The garden is fenced.

Mr. S. H. Woodworth has a house erected on Tract 388, and the south five acres cleared and ploughed. The house is well located and comfortable. A well supplies the house with water, and a small garden does much to supply the house with vegetables.

Mr. Joseph A. McNeill, owner of tracts 376, 383, 389 and 393, has the entire place cleared. A house is erected on Tract 383 and a barn on Tract 389. These two structures are well built, for Mr. McNeill is an excellent carpenter.

Mr. Fred Mount, who recently arrived in McKinley, has completed his new home and is starting the clearing of the northern five acres of Tract 392.

Mr. W. E. Poor has about an acre of Tract 394 cleared and a house upon it.

Mr. J. C. Riggs has cleared the northern three acres of Tract 399.

Mr. John Spiwok has cleared the whole ten acres of his tract, 401, and erected a cozy house. The clearing is very thoroughly done, and his garden, consisting of potatoes, tomatoes, pineapples and bananas, is a fine one.

Mr. George Werner, owner of the south 14 acres of tracts 403, 404 and 405, has the entire amount cleared and five acres planted to citrus trees. A fine house is erected on the tract and a garden near by supplies vegetables for his family.

Mr. Jacob Werner, owner of 15 acres in tracts 409 and 410, has it all cleared and five acres planted to citrus trees. He also has a house, and a good garden containing tomatoes, egg-plant, onions, potatoes, pineapples and bananas.

The Messrs. Werner have a tobacco patch which is doing very well. For the past year they have operated the sawmill at McKinley, and now people come from all over this side of the Island to get their lumber of the Messrs. Werner.

Mrs. M. E. Corbin has cleared the northern seven acres of Tract 411.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bostwick have ten acres, Tract 421, cleared, fenced and planted to citrus trees, about 750 in all. This grove has done exceptionally well, for from many of the trees they have been compelled to pick blossoms to keep the trees from bearing too young. Mr. Bostwick has erected a comfortable home on his tract, which overlooks the Manigua Grove. The Bostwicks also own Tract 431.

Capt. J. M. Drake, who this winter made his first visit to McKinley with his daughter, had eight acres of his holdings, tracts 423 and 433, cleared, and five acres ploughed. Capt. Drake has the old sawmill and a large native thatched house on his tracts, also a well-cultivated native garden.

H. P. Hayes has nearly the whole of Tract 434 cleared.

EAST McKINLEY.

Tract 170 is owned by Mr. Edward H. McSloy. His son, Arthur, is in McKinley and has cleared about one acre so far, but intends to have the entire ten cleared in the coming summer.

Mr. C. W. Morgan owns tracts 87, 88, 89 and 90. Mr. Morgan has just arrived at the McKinley Colony and has not yet cleared any of his land, but is preparing to do so.

Miss S. Seaton, who recently purchased Tract 229, expects to build upon and otherwise improve her tract next fall and winter.

Tracts 259 and 270 are owned by Mr. Elmer E. Ellsworth. Mr. Ellsworth has the second house in East McKinley, and has now started the clearing of his tracts, having about half an acre already done.

Mr. Bruno Dannenburg is the owner of tracts 269, 280 and the north half of

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM McKINLEY.

We are permitted to make some quotations from a personal letter from Mr. George Young to his brother, Mr. Albert Young, telling of the progress of the work on the Young brothers' property in McKinley.

Mr. George Young writes under date of February 10th, speaking of the 41-acre orange grove the brothers have planted on Tracts 173, 188, 190, 206, 207 and 224 (McKinley), as follows:

"You ought to see all the trees—how they are growing, new growth all over them. It is a beautiful sight to stand at one end of the groves when the sun is shining right on the trees. They are so healthy-looking and such a rich green. My Cuban corn is coming up fine, on Tract 207; was up 2 inches in a week. Have planted some more on the river lot, planting altogether 25 pounds. Bought an old-fashioned corn-planter, worked by hand. It soon paid for itself. Will get a horse planter before I plant the beans and beggar-weed. Have just come back from No. 207 and the river lot. The corn is over 6 inches high; some of the tobacco is two feet high. The corn I planted February 6th on the river lot is breaking through the ground. The tenth tree from the north, second row from the east, on the river lot, a navel orange tree, from end to end of limbs, east to west, is 7 feet. The trunk is two inches in diameter at the bud. How is that for a growth? Only planted in April, 1906. I tell you, they look grand. It does a fellow's heart good to see the rich green tops and new growth; all bright, glossy green, no dull ones in the bunch.

"There are 26 Chinese grape-fruit growing from 6 to 8 feet high, with from four to seven leaves; also 31 Avocadoes, from seed, growing nicely. Just back from Tracts 144 and 173. Everything looking fine. Came back through the lemons and limes. Gee! but you ought to see them grow! When Mr. Comstock (secretary of the Tropical Development Company) was here he told us when he was in Tampa Mr. Gillette (the Florida nurseryman) took him out to show him the fine growth some of his trees were making. Mr. Comstock said they showed a growth of from 1½ to 2 inches. I wish Mr. Gillette could see our trees. Think of sprouts on the lemons and some on the orange and grape-fruit trees, two feet long, and good, solid growth on the heads of the trees from 8 inches to 2 feet long! We had a nice rain on Thursday. We have 150 pineapples ready to fruit. All the Mango trees are full of blossoms. The large Avocado tree on Tract 221 is in blossom, too. One of the old, native orange trees has a lot of oranges on it. Some of them are 2 inches in diameter. They were fine. They are ripe in September and October.

Mr. Fred Mount of Buffalo, N. Y., whose arrival at McKinley was announced in a recent issue of the HERALD, has made excellent progress in his work and writes enthusiastically of McKinley. Mr. Mount's letter follows:

McKINLEY, March 17, 1907.

Mr. Risley and Mr. Fernald, Buffalo, N. Y.

DEAR SIRS: Will take the time to write you. This is the first letter I have written since we arrived. Well, we had a very fine trip and enjoyed it. We like it here more than we thought we would. The climate is just fine and the soil can't be beat in any country. Also the water is good. We get our drinking water out of an arroyo (brook). We have our house up and are living in it. It cost a little over two hundred dollars, and took 15 rolls of paper to cover it. A roll will cover two hundred feet. We have a porch on three sides eight feet wide. Our kitchen is twelve by twelve. Our house is fourteen by twenty-four. We think it is fine. Also we like our tract of land.

There are lots of people coming here. Every boat brings some.

Now, Mr. Fernald, we got your letter and are glad that you have sold out the first lots in East McKinley.

Now, I would like to have you tell the boys that I have looked over their places,—that is, Kennedy, Gardner and Witte, and they all have good land—no better anywhere. Tell them for me to pay all they can on them, for the sooner they have them paid for, the better it is for them, and if any of them would like to have some cleared, I will do so as cheaply as can be done. They must keep up their payments, for we are going to do great things here. This is the finest country I have ever seen, and I have been and lived in a good many States in the Union. The nights are cool, while the days are not too warm. I have not lost one day yet since I have reached here that I have not worked out of doors, but I hope before long to be able to look around a little, but we have lots of work on a new place.

Now, if the boys would like to have me write to them, tell them to send me their addresses and I will answer all questions or give them all the information I can.

The land is better to lay awhile after the timber is off. In fact, it has to.

Some lady was over here yesterday and took a picture of our places, that is, Sam's and mine. Will see tomorrow how good they are. Sam and I work together. We are putting up a shade on his place over his garden. I tell you he has a fine place, and he has done the work himself. Well, just *watch us grow.* We are bound to grow.

Will close with good luck to you all. Give my best wishes to all.

Yours very truly,

FRED MOUNT.

THE MAKERS OF McKINLEY.

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281. Mr. Dannenburg has contracted for the clearing of five acres and will set it to citrus trees as soon as possible.

Tracts 281 (south half), 291, 292, 293, 294 and sixty acres in the central part of East McKinley, are owned by the Hon. E. C. Knight. Mr. Knight has twenty acres cleared and partly ploughed preparatory to setting out a grove in April.

Mr. Knight has built a very handsome bungalow containing four bedrooms, a large living room, a dining room and kitchen. A wide veranda surrounds the house. A force-pump supplies a large tank where the water is stored, and feeds into the sink in the kitchen and a shower bath a short distance from the house. A native shack in the background adds to the picturesqueness of the grounds. The tract has a fine woven-wire fence around it, and two white picket gates open upon a circular drive leading to the house. The drive and all the walks and flower-beds are lined with white marble stones. The house is about fifty feet from the road, and is partly screened by the small pine grove in front.

Mr. C. G. Danforth is preparing to contract the clearing of his tract, No. 304.

Mr. A. W. Nelson, owner of tracts 315 and 316, will in the near future begin the clearing of his tracts.

ROAD-MAKING AT McKINLEY.

In McKinley have been cut through and opened between fifteen and twenty miles of roads. All of this is not yet passable, as bridges and proper drainage are necessary, but the roads joining or leading to all the principal places are well made and good roads. This amount of roads is exclusive of the seven-mile road to Nueva Gerona, much of which has been made and improved by the Company. This does not include the roads in the Manigua Grove, which are all opened. A good continuous road leads from the grove right up through the entire McKinley Colony as far as the forks of the river, so that the port will be easily accessible to the growers. On one of the roads it was found necessary to dig a ditch four feet deep and three feet wide to take care of the surface water, and now the entire land around this road is dry and well drained. All the roads which are much traveled are graded with gravel in the low places and a good ditch on each side of the road. Substantial bridges cross the brooks and the Medio River.

LEO N. HOPKINS.

EAST McKINLEY

ONLY 315 ACRES of the SECOND THOUSAND LEFT

Nearly Two-Thirds of the Entire Acreage Now Allotted

As predicted in last month's HERALD, the month of March was a record-breaker in the sale of East McKinley acreage.

Our various offices and agencies were kept busy answering inquiries regarding the proposition, explaining the advantages offered by the Tropical Development Company in this extraordinary sale, and, finally, in making allotments to purchasers.

Furthermore, the number of new settlers and visitors going down to McKinley was unusually large. Lately it has been no uncommon occurrence for our Manager, who meets the boat upon arrival in the Isle of Pines, to have to hire additional teams to transfer to our headquarters the passengers bound for McKinley.

Present Price only $35 Per Acre On Easy Payments.

The price of the present 1,000 acres is $35 per acre.

You cannot duplicate this offer anywhere in the whole Republic of Cuba today!

Remember the location of this land. It is right beside the original McKinley Colony, with its general store, sawmill, hotel, blacksmith shop, orange groves and scores of American settlers ready to bid you welcome.

The Tropical Development Company has built a bridge over the Del Medio River (a stream 12 feet wide) to connect McKinley with EAST M'KINLEY (Tract 291), and every tract in EAST M'KINLEY will be accessible by a 40-foot road. This land is similar to the **land in the original McKinley Colony, and is sold under our absolute guarantee that every acre is high, dry and tillable, with the right of exchange for any other unsold acreage of equal size before deeds are issued.**

We refer to 500 satisfied investors to prove our honesty and fair dealing.

How Land Can Be Purchased.

As stated above, the present price of EAST M'KINLEY land is only $35 PER ACRE.

This offer is made only to ACTUAL BONDHOLDERS of the Tropical Development Company, and if you are not already a BONDHOLDER, it will be necessary for you to purchase AT LEAST ONE PROFIT-SHARING GOLD BOND for each 10 ACRES OF EAST M'KINLEY land you wish to buy. If you buy TWO BONDS, you have the right to purchase 20 ACRES; THREE BONDS, 30 ACRES; FOUR BONDS, 40 ACRES, and so on. No less than 5 ACRES and ONE BOND will be sold.

The par or face value of our PROFIT-SHARING GOLD BONDS IS $100 each, and they carry with them a bonus of TWO HOUSE LOTS, 50x150 FEET EACH, or ONE BUSINESS LOT, 50x150 FEET, ABSOLUTELY FREE IN M'KINLEY.

The present cash subscription price is $76.50 PER BOND, which includes the free town lots.

THEREFORE, ONE BOND AND 10 ACRES OF LAND IN EAST M'KINLEY WILL COST $426.50, if payments are made on the liberal installment plan devised by the Tropical Development Company, or a discount of 1 PER CENT. on the price of the land is allowed where full cash is paid at time of purchase or 60 DAYS thereafter.

PAYMENTS may be made as follows: $106.63 DOWN and all equal sums June 15 and Sept. 15, 1907, and March 15, 1908, or 10 PER CENT. OFF THE PRICE OF THE LAND IF YOU PAY THE BALANCE IN 60 DAYS AFTER YOUR FIRST PAYMENT.

Only 1,000 Acres at this Price.

REMEMBER, we shall positively sell ONLY 1,000 ACRES at the present price—not an acre more. We expect to close out the balance of this first thousand acres in A FEW DAYS—so you must *act* PROMPTLY or pay more if you delay. You will never have such a chance again. FORTUNES AWAIT EARLY INVESTORS.

Today is the Day

to accept this offer. Send in your subscription for as many BONDS and ACRES as you can buy, BEFORE THE PRICE ADVANCES.

APPLICATIONS will be filled in the order received—FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, and EARLY BUYERS will get the CHOICEST LOCATIONS. All money received after the price advances will be returned to the senders.

We reserve the right to refuse any undesirable purchasers, or to ADVANCE THE PRICE OF LAND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

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